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***Pepper Avenue extension completed;
will open up additional economic opportunity on City's north end***

RIALTO, Calif. – City leaders on Friday will christen the newly completed Pepper Avenue extension, a \$15 million project that ultimately will create new economic opportunity on the City's north end.

The lengthening of Pepper Avenue over a Lytle Creek tributary and to the 210 Freeway is the latest in a multi-phase plan that eventually will include freeway on and off ramps, creating a vital new point of entry along the high-growth corridor. The project was paid for as part of Measure I, a one-half of 1 percent sales tax approved by San Bernardino County voters in 1989 and extended in 2004.

"The Pepper Avenue extension is about more than improving mobility. It's the latest step forward in the economic growth of our community," said Rialto Mayor Deborah Robertson. "We have the opportunity to develop commercial activities, which will create jobs and benefit everyone in the region."

City officials credit Caltrans and the San Bernardino Association Governments (SanBAG) with playing major roles in getting the project through to completion. Ground was broken in late 2012.

Linda Chapman, who lives in the neighborhood of the project, called the extension a positive improvement to the community.

"Residents see this as a great opportunity," Chapman said. "This will create additional access into the city, which is both a convenience and an important economic driver."

Construction was done by Brea-based Griffith Co.

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